

PEST AND PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT AND NOTIFICATION: 6895P

It is the intent of the Federal Way Public Schools to utilize Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles to manage pest populations to prevent unacceptable levels of pest activity and damage by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment. The full range of alternatives (mechanical, physical, chemical, cultural, or biological) including no action will be considered. Non-chemical pest management methods will be implemented whenever possible by employing the four levels of control procedures. These procedures assure that exclusion and access denial, harborage, and habitat modifications, mechanical and physical controls, and limited and judicious pesticide use are all considered prior to selecting the “best” method. When it is determined that a pesticide must be used to meet management goals, the least hazardous material, formulation, and method of application will be chosen.

IPM Procedures

- **Inspection** – Thorough inspections are performed for all reported pest problems prior to any control strategy being employed. Inspections determine the actual presence and identity of pest species, level of threat to health or property, the source of the problem, and conditions conducive to further infestation.
- **Control** – After inspection, a control strategy is provided to the District for approval. Approval is required from the Facilities/Maintenance Director or designee. Control strategies may require no further action if the pest problem does not warrant it. Control strategies involve the following steps:

First Level: Exclusion or access denial. (Prevent pests from entering).

Second Level: Habitat and harborage modification. (Depriving pests of food at home; creating undesirable conditions.)

Third Level: Mechanical control. (Use of traps, repellents, and monitoring devices to control pest infestations.)

Fourth Level: Judicious use of pesticides. Recommended inside applications are limited to baits, pheromones, boric acid dusts, or an approved pesticide that minimizes exposure. No custodian, school staff, teacher, parent, or other volunteer shall apply, purchase, or bring into the district any pesticides. (If a pest problem is discovered, it must be reported to the Maintenance Department via work order or phone call.)

- **Posting of Notifications** – Notification for applications of pesticides shall comply with the requirements of RCW 17.21.415, including:
 - Heading: “Notice: Pesticide Application”;
 - The product name of the pesticide to be applied;
 - The intended date and time of application;

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- The location to which the pesticide is to be applied;
- The pest to be controlled; and
- The name and phone number of a contact person.
- **Record Keeping** – Records shall be maintained of all inspections, activity, non-activity, and control measures including pesticide application. These records shall be maintained by the District and shall be kept in the Maintenance Department. An annual summary of pesticides applied to all sites shall be compiled after the completion of each school year. Information from this summary will be available in the Maintenance Department after September of each year for the previous year's applications at each site.
- **Prenotification** – Persons who would like to be specifically notified prior to all pesticide applications at their child's school or employee's work site may contact the Integrated Pest Management (IMP) Coordinator at IMPCoordinator@fwps.org.

IPM Coordinator

The Manager of Facilities and Maintenance Services or designee shall be the IPM Coordinator and shall oversee pest management for the District.

The IPM Coordinator shall be responsible for evaluating and approving pesticide usage, certification and training of applicators, maintaining and evaluating records to ensure IPM principles are being followed as per the intent of this program, and to otherwise review the IPM program and evaluate its effectiveness. The IPM Coordinator will also work to increase the level of understanding and involvement of IPM within the District.

Pesticide Purchase and Storage

- Only pesticides registered with the U.S. EPA and the Washington State Department of Agriculture are allowed for purchase by the District.
- Purchases will be made only from registered commercial dealers and must include the current SDS sheet with each purchase.
- Current SDS sheets are to be maintained in the Maintenance Department for all chemicals on hand or applied within the past twelve (12) months.
- Applicators must carry current SDS sheets with them at the time of all applications of pesticides.
- There must be a current SDS sheet in the vehicle for all chemicals being transported.
- No pesticide shall be purchased or otherwise brought onto a district site by anyone other than authorized Maintenance Department staff.

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- Only chemicals approved on “Attachment A” are allowed for possession or use within the District.
- Any new chemical must be pre-approved by the IPM Coordinator prior to its purchase or use within the District.
- Only pesticides presenting the least danger in application will be purchased for any specific intended use.
- All pesticides will be stored in the approved chemical storage room at the Maintenance Department.
- No chemicals will be left in vehicles or spray equipment outside of this room.

Landscape Modification and Plantings

Since much of our IPM program will be designed around the particular type and layout of the landscape and its features at each site, any modification to the landscape, its features, or plant additions or deletions must be reviewed and approved by the Maintenance Department prior to any activity.

Cross Reference: Attachment - A: Pre-approved Pesticides

Form – 6895 (A): Annual Notification of Pesticide Use

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Attachment A

Pre-approved Pesticides

The following pesticides have been pre-approved for use by the District. Only chemicals on this list are allowed for possession or use within the district.

Any new chemical must be pre-approved by the IPM Coordinator prior to its purchase or use within the District. No chemicals will be purchased or otherwise brought onto a district site by anyone other than authorized Maintenance Department staff.

Additional chemicals may be added to this list on an as-needed basis for specific uses throughout the year. These additions must have the approval of the IPM Coordinator.

<u>Chemical</u>	<u>Intended Use</u>
• Crossbow	Used to control blackberry vines;
• Casoron	Pre-emergent herbicide used to control weeds and grasses;
• Ranger Pro	Non-selective herbicide used to control weeds and grasses;
• Round-Up/Max Pro	Non-selective herbicide used to control weeds and grasses;
• Snapshot	Pre-emergent herbicide used to control weeds and grasses on fence lines and warming tracks;
• Trimec	Herbicide used to control weeds and grass areas;
• Wasp Freeze	Insecticide used to kill wasps;
• SureGuard SC	Pre-emergent herbicide used to control weeds and grasses;